MINUTES

OF SOME LATE

CONVERSATIONS

BETWEEN THE

REV. JOHN WESLEY, M.A.

AND OTHERS.

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MINUTES, &c.

DUBLIN, Friday, July 1ſt, 1785.

QUEST. 1. WHAT Preachers are *admitted* this year?

ANSW. Walter Griffith, John Clark, and Hugh Moore.

Q. 2. Who *remain on trial?*

A. James Wilſon, James M'Donald, and William Hammet.

Q. 3. Who are *admitted on trial?*

A. John Dinnen, Robert Lindſay, Andrew Coleman, and Tho. Verner. None have died or deſiſted from travelling this year.

Q. 4. Are there any objections to any of our Preachers?

A. They were examined one by one.

Q. 5. How are they ſtationed this year?

A. As follows.

1. *Dublin*,	James Rogers, Chriſtopher Peacock.
2. *Waterford*,	James Jordan, Wm. M'Cornock, Walter Griffith.
3. *Cork*,	Daniel Jackſon, G. Brown, John Dinnen.
4. *Limerick*,	Thomas Davis, Laurence Kane.
5. *Caſtlebar*,	John Leech, John Watſon Sen.

6. *Athlone*,

6. *Athlone*,	Matthias Joyce, John Mealy, J. Wilſon, T. Halliday, ſupernumerary.
7. *Sligo*,	G. Dice, Andrew Coleman.
8. *Balliconnell*,	Robert Bridge, Guſtavus Armſtrong, T. Verner.
9. *Clones*,	Nehemiah Price, J. Clark, James Rennick.
10. *Inniſkillen*,	Thomas Barbor, Thomas Hetherington, Samuel Mitchell.
11. *Charlemount*,	John Crook, John Miller, James M'Donald.
12. *Liſleen*,	Joſeph Armſtrong, Richard Cundy.
13. *Londonderry*,	Jonathan Brown, William Weſt, William Hammet.
14. *Belfaſt*,	Robert Armſtrong, Robert Lindſay,
15, *Liſburn*,	John Karr, Hugh Moore, John Price.

Q. 6. How many Preachers Wives are there?

A. Twelve.

Q. 7. How many of theſe are provided for by the Circuits?

A. Four; Siſter George Brown, Dinnen, Kane and Watſon.

Q. 8. How are the reſt provided for?

A. By the Preacher's Fund.

Q. 9. What does each Circuit contribute for the Wives?

		l.	s.	d.
A.	Dublin,	12	0	0
	Cork and Bandon,	5	0	0
	Limerick,	3	0	0
	Caſtlebar,	2	0	0
	Athlone,	6	0	0
	Sligo,	1	0	0
	Balliconnell	1	0	0
	Clones,	5	0	0
	Inniſkillen,	1	0	0
	Charlemount,	2	0	0
	Londonderry,	1	0	0
	Coleraine,	2	0	0
	Belfaſt,	2	0	0
	Liſburn,	5	0	0

N. B. This is Engliſh Money.

Q. 10. What Numbers are in the Societies?

A.	Dublin,	700
	Waterford,	300
	Cork,	720
	Limerick,	250
	Caſtlebar,	293
	Athlone	400
	Sligo,	311
	Balliconnell,	698
	Clones,	710
	Inniſkillen,	651
	Charlemount,	943
	Liſleen,	574
	Londonderry,	444
	Belfaſt,	303
	Liſburn	520
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Q. 11.

Q. 11. What is contributed to the Preacher's Fund.

A. £. 49 9 0.

Q. 12. What is allowed out of it?

A. To Mary Pennington, £. 10 0 0
John Bredin, 12 0 0
Thomas Halliday, 12 0 0
Preacher's Wives 15 9 0
49 9 0

Q. 13. What is contributed to the yearly Collection?

A. £. 58 13 10.

Q. 14. How was this expended?

A. In supplying the deficiencies and wants of our Preachers, as far as it would go.

Q. 15. What is the Kingswood Collection?

A. £. 38 11 3

Q. 16. There have been great losses in Ireland, through mismanagement of the Books. How may this be remedied?

A. 1. Let the Books in every Circuit be kept locked up in a Box, Chest, or Book-press.

2. Let none ever be lent.

3. If the Preachers read any, let him take care they be not dirtied.

4. Let none be sold on trust: in particular, let every one pay for the Magazines, when he takes them.

5. Let every Assistant deliver a List of the Subscribers to his Successor, and an Inventory of the Books, and let him bring a Copy of it to the Conference.

6. When

6. When an Affiſtant wants any Books, let him ſend word to Mr. Rogers, a week before hand, "I will order a Carman to call upon you for ſuch and ſuch Books."

7 The Books may frequently be ſent with the Goods of ſome of our Friends, which will ſave much Expence.

8. Let every Affiſtant leave his Circuit clear when he comes to the Conference.

Q. 17. How may the Affiſtants be more uſeful?

A. 1. By earneſtly enforcing all our Rules, particularly thoſe of the Bands

2. By exerting themſelves as to the Magazines, the weekly Contribution, and the quarterly and yearly Collection.

3. By informing all the Stewards of two univerſal Methodiſt rules, the one, that a married Preacher is to have Eighteen-pence a week for each Child; the other, that every Circuit is to bear the Expence of their Preachers, to and from the Conference. Alſo by informing them that the ſtipend of each Preacher, is £. 12 Engliſh yearly.

4. By renewing the Notes of the Local Preachers, yearly.

5. By preaching in every large town, at five in the morning, during Summer.

Q. 17. What Houſes are allowed to be built?

A. Thoſe at Waterford, Londonderry and Proſperous.

Q. 19. When ſhall the next Conference be held?

A. The firſt Friday in next July.

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